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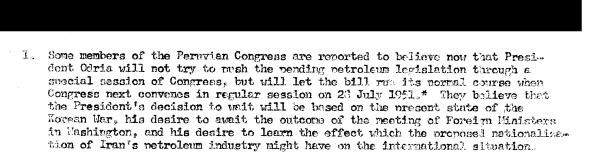
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- 2. A separate source has reported the organization of a strong labor movement in southern Peru to impede the passage of the petroleum law in its present form. Leaders of the movement feel that the law is too feverable to the International Petroleum Commany, and favor a petroleum law which would eventually bring about the nationalization of the Peruvian oil industry. These leaders are reported as follows:
 - Eduardo Flores Medina is reportedly heading the movement. He was formerly Syndicate Secretary of the Communist Party of Feru (FCP) in Arequipa, and was one of the organizers of the Arequipa Departmental Labor Congress in 1949.
 - b. Luis Nieto, a journalist who handled press and propaganda matters for the Arequina Departmental Labor Congress of 1949. Hieto was at one time the director of Jornada, news-organ of the Communist Party's Cuzco Departmental Committee.
 - c. Emiliano Huamantica, a textile worker and Secretary General of the Federation of Workers of Cuzco. He was named to the Central Committee of the PCP in August 1948.
 - d. Simon Herrera Farfen, one of the organizers of the Communist-dominated Curco Labor Congress in 1950. He is believed to maintain contact with CTAL leaders at the present time.
 - Vicente Mendoza Diaz, a collaborator of Simon Merrera in organizing the Conmunist-dominated Cuzco Labor Congress.

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- f. Fabian Escudero, Secretary General of the Syndicate of Miners of La Oroya, Secretary General of the Regional Federation of Miners and Metallurgists of Central Peru, and one of the principal organizers of the recent miners and metallurgists congress.
- g. Augusto Chavez Bedoya, former member of the PCP's Central Committee and one of the organizers of the Liga Democratica Nacional, a political party which opposed President Odria.
- h. Gregorio Esmiritu, Secretary of Organization of the Regional Federation of Miners and Metallurgists of Central Peru, and one of Escudero's collaborators in organizing the recent miners' and metallurgists' congress.
- 3. A booklet in which Mexico will be cited as an example of the benefits of nationalization of the petroleum industry is being prepared by a group of Communists and
 Socialists who were expelled from the party led by Senator indiano Castillo
 Coloma. The projected petroleum legislation will be attacked by commaring it
 with the Argentine petroleum law, which, it will be alleged, is much less favorable to foreign cenitalists than that planned for Peru. The booklet, to be
 entitled "Sechura, Reserve Nacional," will be published in the near future.
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Comment. President Odria announced in a press conference on 16 March that he would call another special session of Congress in order to effect passage of the petroleum legislation. However, source reports that it is believed that since then Odria has changed his plans.